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SUBJ: REDUCTION OF ANGOLA-ZAIRE TENSIONS

REF: STATE 170933

1. ON JULY 13 WE BRIEFED GISCARD'S AFRICAN ADVISOR, RENE JOURNIAC, ON THE JUNIOR CONSULTATIONS IN KINSHASA (REFTEL) AIMED AT EXPLORING WHAT FURTHER STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS OF ZAIRE AND ANGOLA TO LOWER TENSIONS. (WE HAD BRIEFED QUAI EARLIER IN THE WEEK.) WE SAID IT POSSIBLE THAT JUNIOR MIGHT TRAVEL ELSEWHERE IN THE AREA IF KINSHASA TALKS WARRANTED.

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2. JOURNIAC GREETED THE INFORMATION IN DECIDEDLY POSITIVE WAY SAYING RESOLUTION OF "KATANGA PROBLEM" DEPENDS UPON IMPROVED ANGOLA-ZAIRE RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT FOSTERING THIS IMPROVEMENT WILL BE DIFFICULT AND MIGHT NOT SUCCEED NOW "BUT IT IS A WISE STEP AND AN EFFORT YOU HAVE TO MAKE."

3. COMMENT: WE REPORT JOURNIAC'S REACTION BECAUSE FOR SOME TIME NOW CONVENTIONAL WISDOM HAS HAD IT THAT WHILE THE QUAI STRONGLY ADVOCATES AN IMPROVEMENT IN ANGOLAN-ZAIRE RELATIONS, THERE ARE SOME AT THE ELYSEE WITH A MORE AMBIGUOUS ATTITUDE. JOURNIAC IS GISCARD'S CLOSEST ADVISOR ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS AND THE POSITION HE ENUNCIATED ON THIS OCCASION TALLIES WITH THAT HELD AT THE QUAI.

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